

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 are now pending in this application. Claims 1-9 are rejected. New claims 10-14 are added. Claims 1-3 are amended herein to express the invention in alternative wording, to broaden language as deemed appropriate and to address matters of form unrelated to substantive patentability issues.

Applicants herein traverse and respectfully request reconsideration of the rejection of the claims cited in the above-referenced Office Action.

Claims 1-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Kato (US 5,544,576). Applicants herein respectfully traverses these rejections. "Anticipation requires the presence in a single prior art reference disclosure of each and every element of the claimed invention, *arranged as in the claim.*" ***Lindemann Maschinenfabrik GmbH v. American Hoist & Derrick Co.*** , 221 USPQ 481, 485 (Fed. Cir. 1984) (emphasis added). It is respectfully submitted that the cited reference is deficient with regard to the following.

Claim 1 recites in pertinent part the following:

a cam member fixed to an end of the rotary
shaft such that a center of said cam member is
eccentric to an axial center of said rotary shaft;

It is respectfully submitted that no such structural configuration is taught or suggested by the disclosure of Kato. Rather than having a center of a cam which is eccentric (offset) with respect to an axial center of a rotary shaft, as is claimed, Kato instead teaches that the cam 23 and the rotary shaft 15 share a common center axis.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-9 particularly describe and distinctly claim elements not disclosed in the cited reference. Therefore, reconsideration of the rejections of claims 1-9 and their allowance are respectfully requested.

Applicants note that this claimed distinction was previously recited in claim 2 as originally filed, and as such, the present amendments cannot necessitate new grounds for rejection as the present rejections have not been properly established. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that a next Office Action **cannot be made final**.

Claims 10-14 are added and are submitted as patentable over the cited art of record. Independent claim 10 recites subject matter directed to a cam member fixed to an end of a rotary shaft such that a center of the cam member is eccentric to an axial center of the rotary shaft which, among other features recited therein, is not believed disclosed in the cited art in the manner as claimed. Dependent claims 11-14 are patentable based on the subject matter recited therein in addition to the subject matter of claim 10.

No fee is believed due. If there is any fee due the USPTO is hereby authorized to charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 10-1250.

In light of the foregoing, the application is now believed to be in proper form for allowance of all claims and notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

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